

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Q1: In November, we discussed reporting information for the report month. When we discussed income and pointed out that if we have to wait for CW7 for October 1999 month to come in before we completed the review we would be holding on to a case too long in order to get current information. October isn't too bad but then we got November 1999 assignments on 10/24 and even if all cases are cycle 01, like most counties, then we couldn't even begin to complete the review until December after the EW works on the CW7 for 11/99. So, why get the sample so early? Or can we use the budget cycle CW7 for these reviews.

A: It was agreed at the PMC meeting that we would adhere to the definition of report month as the sample month. It was also agreed that we would revisit this after we had a few months of collecting data and if the definition needed to be changed. We will include this as an agenda item for the next PMC.

Q2: Case selected as a two-parent data collection case. In the middle of the review month, the EW changed the aid type from a two-parent case to 30 aid type, which is in the all-family case. Do we review this case or drop it because it was pulled for the wrong type of case? Or does this meet the definition (T9) of federally case erroneously state funded?

A: The letter at the very beginning of the review number indicates from which universe the case was sampled. A and B indicate all family TANF primary and secondary cases respectively. C and D indicate Two-Parent TANF primary and secondary respectively. The instruction for dropping a case is:

- A or B cases – Drop the case if it meets the definition of a Two-parent family.
- C or D cases – Complete the case only if it meets the definition of a Two-Parent family, otherwise drop it.

Q3: We have a data case in which the mother is an undocumented alien. Per definitions, we have her on the face sheet as an A. However, on T42 there are only three options to choose from 1=citizen, 2=qualified alien, and 9=unknown. The edit 0040 says if T42 is blank then T30 must be a 5. Edit 0041 says if family affiliation is coded 2, 3, or 4 then T42 must 1, 2, or 3. There is no 3.

- A:** The definition should read 1, 2, or 9 to reflect the coding options. (This has been changed and will appear in version 24).
- Q4:** A case is pulled as a Two-Parent data collection case, but there is a valid disability statement on file. This case should have been coded as a 30 type. Do we drop the review or complete it?
- A:** Drop the case, since it does not meet the Two-Parent definition. See answer to question 2.
- Q5:** If a data case is pulled for either All-Families or Two-Parent review and it should be in the other type of review, i.e. pulled as Two-Parent and should have been All-Families or pulled as All-Families and should have been Two-Parent, do we drop these in both situations?
- A:** See instructions for dropping cases in answer to question 2.
- Q6:** On the "Program Index" of the Facesheet, if you type in 01/03/00 it changes it to 1900. If you type in '2000' it will show as '2000'. The same applies for birth dates in the "People Index" of the facesheet. Is this one of the corrections on the update?
- A:** We plan to change this in a future update. However, in version 23 you will have to type in the four digits 2000.
- Q7:** There are no reports available for 10/99. Will we be able to run an error report and disposition report for CalWORKs from the new system?
- A:** Since the CalWORKs does not collect data related to quality control (amount of benefits paid, amount of erroneously paid benefits, type of errors, and cause of error) there is no report from which to draw this information. However, items in class 600 for PAFS case reviews capture quality control payment accuracy information. It is currently an option and being assessed whether it is an effective means of measuring payment accuracy, and no report has been finalized for these items.
- Q8:** Are additional edits to be built into the program? In reviewing some October 1999 cases, a worker coded T48 as code 19 – Participating meeting minimum welfare to work requirements, but they did not enter any information in items T49 through T62. There should be edits associated with this type of entry for T48.
- A:** Yes, indeed edits will continue to be added to the software to ensure accurate data entry. As you discover where additional edits are needed, as in this case, please forward them to the Systems Maintenance Unit.